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SUBJECT: FRENCH BEEF SALES TO USSR

1. RELIABLE SOURCE AT MINISTRY OF ECONOMY CONFIRMED TO
EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT FIRST SALE OF 50,000 TONS OF
FRENCH BEEF TO USSR HAS BEEN AGREED TO. INITIAL SHIP-
MENTS OF 10,000 TONS HAS ALREADY LEFT FRANCE; SHIP-
MENTS ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER. SALE, ACCORDING
TO SOURCE, WAS MADE AT 4,400 FRANCS PER METRIC TON.
CUTS WERE FORE AND HINDQUARTERS, INCLUDING SOME PISTOLA,
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ALL WITH BONE IN.

2. MEMBER OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTER'S CABINET ALSO CONFIRMED SALE BUT DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF DETAILS AS SALE NEGOTIATIONS TOOK PLACE ABOVE HIS LEVEL. HE COMMENTED SPECIAL FRENCH EXPORT RESTRICTIONS WERE A POSSIBILITY. HE ALSO INDICATED AGRICULTURAL MINISTER BONNET HAD HOPES THAT SECOND 50,000 TONS SALE, TO INCLUDE BOTH BEEF AND PORK, COULD BE MADE THROUGH EC CHANNELS.
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